

Indeed it would be a needless consumption of time, to offer in this memorial further evidence of the primary and even vital importance of the proposed work to the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland. Its results can no longer be regarded as resting on speculation, sufficient experience has been already afforded to render them positive and certain in their character. The score of millions Pennsylvania has expended in the formation of her interior connexions, are no longer regretted by the people of that State, nor, if it were even possible, would they desire to recall the expenditure. An equal participation with Philadelphia in the benefits of that enormous outlay is within our reach, and the expenditure of a single million will put them in our possession. That amount will establish a connexion with Philadelphia, with Pittsburg, with the Susquehanna valley, and through it with the great lakes of the north. By this route the distance from those inland seas to the city of Baltimore is upwards of one hundred miles less than that which must now be passed to reach New York through the line of the Erie Canal. Either of their connexions would singly warrant the construction of the work proposed, without the hazard of incurring loss. When all their benefits combined are ready to flow in one united stream into the *heart* of our state; ought she to hesitate to avail herself of its possession?

The existing channels of supply, which have heretofore given nourishment to the trade and commerce of Baltimore, have become sensibly and lamentably affected. Their streams which constituted the life blood of the community have been made to flow in other and